

REMARKS

The following remarks are responsive to the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed September 2, 2011. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Telephonic Interview

Preliminarily, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Shang for the courtesies extended to their representatives during the telephonic interviews conducted in September and October. The following remarks include Applicants' substance of interview pursuant to MPEP § 713.04. During the interview, Applicants discussed Yeo (US 6,711,741) and Lawler et al. (US 6,868,551) cited to reject the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103, and amendments similar to the ones provided above. Agreement was reached that the amendments distinguish the cited references and place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 73-92 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yeo (US 6,711,741) in view of Lawler et al. (US 6,868,551).

Applicants respectfully traverse and, as noted above, agreement has been reached that the above amendments place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and solicit notification that the claims have been allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should it be deemed necessary to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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